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ON FAO RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)

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1. FAO COUNCIL CHAIRMAN BULA HOYOS GAVE OECD/DAC/GROUP CHAIRMAN
TUINMAN DOCUMENTS TO CIRCULATE IN PREPARATION FOR THURSDAY
DISCUSSION OF IFAD ITEM
(BUT NOT WORLD FOOD COUNCIL ITEM). CHECKING DURING JANUARY 20
REVEALED THAT DOCUMENTATION GIVEN OUT ON IFAD IS EXACTLY SAME AS
THAT USED EARLIER WITH GROUP 77, EXCEPT THAT EXPLANATORY REMARKS
WERE DELETED.

2. SEPARATELY FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL SAOUMA GAVE AUSTRALIANS, TO
PASS ON TO OTHERS AS THEY WISHED, FULL DRAFT ON IFAD SUGGESTIONS,
INCLUDING EXPLANATIONS. AFTER SOME DELIBERATION, WE HAVE DECIDED
NOT TO EMBARRASS BULA HOYOS BY LETTING HIM KNOWN SAOUMA HAS GIVEN
US FULL DRAFT, AND WILL NOT REFER TO SAOUMA'S FULL DRAFT IN THURSDAY'S

MEETING UNTIL AFTER BULA HOYOS HAS LEFT.

3. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE WILL FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS IN PARA 2
WITH WHICH HE IS FULLY IN ACCORD.

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4. OUR ASSESSMENT IS THAT SAOUMA'S IFAD AMENDMENTS CANNOT BE FULLY QUASHED AT THIS STAGE, NOW THAT HE HAS PRESENTED THEM TO GROUP 77. PARALLEL BUT EARLIER CONFRONTATION ON SAOUMA'S SUGGESTIONS TO GROUP 77 ABOUT FAO RELATIONS WITH WFC SHOULD HELP CONVINCE GROUP 77 AND DIRECTOR GENERAL SAOUMA THAT LAST-MINUTE MAJOR AMENDMENTS CANNOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT DELAYING ENTIRE PROCESS. WHEN WE HAVE REPORTED ON THURSDAY MEETING, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE EXPECTS TO ASK AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE THIS POINT PRIVATELY AS WELL TO BULA HOYOS AND SAOUMA, WELL BEFORE SAOUMA'S SCHEDULED ADDRESS TO IFAD MEETING. IT WOULD HELP IF WE COULD SAY THAT WE VIEW FAO AS IMPORTANT AND EVEN MAJOR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVE, INSTRUMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF IFAD PROJECTS. VOLPE

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